

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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- Attached hereto is a diagram showing variations in Soviet merchant ship tonnage in the Baltic. The reason that the seasonal variation of the tonnage in traffic reaches a minimum at 50X1-HUM is the fact that during the late summer and autumn a part of that tonnage which is normally employed in Baltic traffic is utilized for shipments to and from northwest Soviet ports or north Siberian harbors.
- Tonnage in shipyards shows a general decline, and may be appreciably reduced further when a number of former large vessels complete their refitting. 50X1-HUM
- Tonnage out of traffic shows some decline, but seems to remain relatively constant in comparison with total tonnage. It is possible that some of the ships which are believed to be out of traffic are in use in inland waterways where they cannot be observed, or may be laid up for repairs without this having been observed.
- The totals of the tonnage groups which are in shipyards and out of traffic make up together a comparatively large percent of the total tonnage located in the Baltic. This is partly a result of the fact that tonnage outside of the Baltic has, to a certain extent, been sent to Baltic shipyards for repair or laying up. Since the last-mentioned tonnage groups show relatively little change, the alteration in the grand total tonnage is probably dependent upon changes in the total number of ships in traffic.

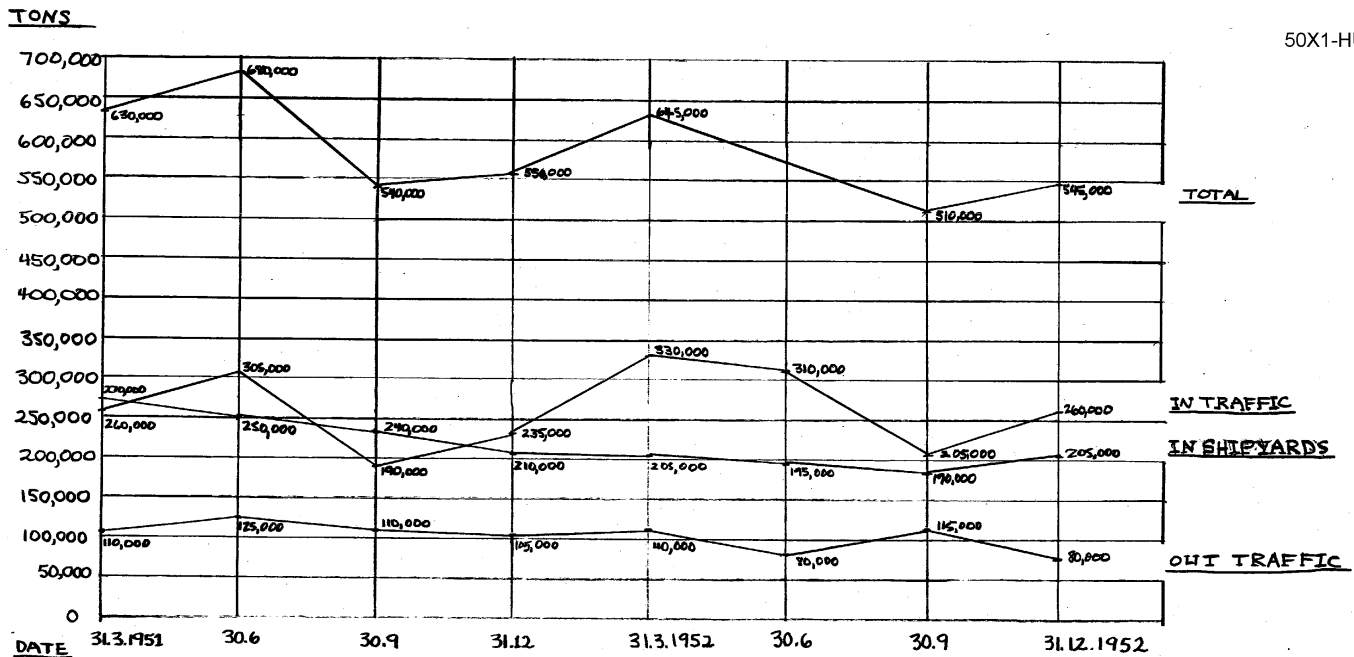
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**DIAGRAM OF SOVIET MERCHANT VESSEL TONNAGE IN THE BALTIC**



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